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1. FURTHER TO BASIC REPORT SUBMITTED REFTEL, EMBASSY
POINTS OUT THAT A SIMPLE LETTER FROM SOVIETS GRANTING
MICHAEL STEVENS RIGHT TO TRAVEL BY ROAD FROM NAKHODKA
TO KHABAROVSK IN RETURN FOR USG ALLOWING LATYSHEV
RIGHT TO LIVE FOR SIX MONTHS AS A "TEMPORARY" RESIDENT
IN SEATTLE HARDLY SEEMS A FAIR BARGAIN. SEATTLE IN
RELATION TO BELLINGHAM COMPARES BOTH ECONOMICALLY AND
GEOGRAPHICALLY TO VLADIVOSTOK IN RELATION TO NAKHODKA,
AND WE WOULD JUDGE AN OPENING OF THAT CITY TO STEVENS A
MORE EQUITABLE QUID PRO QUO THAN CURRENT PACKAGE
OUTLINED PARA (4), STATE 140268.

2. IF ABOVE RECOMMENDATION IS DEEMED UNWORKABLE, AND
IF LATYSHEV'S PRESENCE IN SEATTLE FOR PERIOD IN QUESTION
IS AS CRITICAL AS WALTER PERERYA OF US/USSR MARINE
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RESOURCES IN BELLINGHAM CLAIMS IT IS, THEN PERHAPS
LATYSHEV SHOULD BE PERMITTED TO COMMUTE TO SEATTLE
FROM BELLINGHAM ON DAILY BASIS. ALTHOUGH THIS WOULD
INVOLVE ROUGHLY ONE HUNDRED MILES OF DRIVING, MUCH OF
IT THROUGH A CLOSED AREA, WE WOULD CONSIDER THIS SOMEWHAT
MORE ACCEPTABLE THAN DE FACTO PERMANENT RESIDENCE IN
SEATTLE FOR LATYSHEV AND HIS WIFE. ADDED DIFFICULTY

OF COMMUTING WOULD, AMONG OTHER THINGS, REDUCE LATYSHEV'S TIME IN SEATTLE TO THAT WHICH JOINT VENTURE FIRM CONSIDERED ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL.

3. DEPARTMENT WILL NOT HAVE FAILED TO NOTE THAT STEVENS' PLANNED FISHING TRIP IN TWO WEEKS' TIME INVOLVES ACCOMPANIMENT BY A SOVIET CITIZEN WHO IS MAKING "ALL ARRANGEMENTS." QUESTION SPRINGS NATURALLY TO MIND WHETHER ON THOSE OCCASIONS WHEN LATYSHEV IS PERMITTED TO TRAVEL TO RECREATIONAL AREAS OUTSIDE OF BELLINGHAM, IT IS STANDARD PRACTICE FOR HE AND HIS WIFE TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN AMERICAN?

4. IN SUM, EMBASSY SEES NO COMPELLING REASON TO PERMIT LATYSHEV AND HIS WIFE TO LIVE IN SEATTLE FOR SIX MONTHS UNLESS SOMETHING APPROACHING RECIPROCAL TREATMENT FOR HIS U.S. BUSINESSMAN COUNTERPART IN NAKHODKA CAN BE WORKED OUT WITH SOVIETS IN ADVANCE. MATLOCK

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